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List of Sections Forming Part of This Information Disclosure Statement

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1. Preliminary Statements
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Section 1. Preliminary statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

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**SECTION 2. FORMS PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Date Filed: September 16, 2003 Examiner Name: N/A
Invention: Non-Intrusive Inspection Impulse Radar Antenna

**LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Document Number	Issue Date	Inventor	Class/Subclass
	AA	US 5,523,760	June 4, 1996	McEwan	342/89
	AB	US 6,445,334	Sep. 3, 2002	Bradley et al.	342/22

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Country Code	Document Number	Publication Date	Patentee or Applicant	Class/Subclass
	AC	DE	33 16 937	April 25, 1996	Wichmann, G.	
	AD	DE	42 34 559	March 5, 1994	Wichmann, G.	

OTHER DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials	Ref. No.	Author	Title of Article, Title of Journal, Volume Number, Page Numbers, Date
	AE		Tektronix, "Sampling Oscilloscope Techniques", October, 1989.
	AF	Whitely et al.	"50 GHz Sampler Hybrid Utilizing A Small Shockline and An Internal SRD" <i>IEEE MTT-S Digest</i> , pp. 895-898, Copyright 1991.
	AG	Wichmann, G.	"Research and Development on the Field of Mine Detection", European Research Office of the U.S. Army, October, 1996.
	AH		Æther Wire & Location, Inc. , "The Origins of Ultra-Wideband Technology", May, 1998.
	AI	Tantum et al.	"ATR Algorithm Performance for the BRTC Wichmann Ground Penetrating Radar System", Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Duke University, UXO Forum '99 Proceedings.
	AJ	Daniels, D.	"An Overview of RF Sensors for Mine Detection: Part 3 Radar", ERA Technology Ltd., 1999.

	AK	Andrews et al.	“Research On Ground-Penetrating Radar for Detection of Mines and Unexploded Ordnance: Current Status and Research Strategy”, Institute for Defense Analyses, December, 1999.
	AL		Celia Home Page, Case Study- Resistive Vee Dipole Mine Detection,
	AM	Montoya et al.	“Land Mine Detection Using a Ground-Penetrating Radar Based on Resistively Loade Vee Dipoles”, , IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation, Vol. 47, No. 12, December 1999.
	AN	Schukin et al.	“Evolution of GPR Antennas, Pulse Generators and Sample Recorders”, www.irctr.tudelft.nl/gpr/PDF/Publications/2000/gpr2000_p3_2.PDF
	AO	Sachs et al.	“Ultra-Wideband Principles for Surface Penetrating Radar”, <i>Ultra-Wideband, Short-pulse Electromagnetics 5</i> , 31. May- 2. June 2000.
	AP	Fontana et al.	“An Ultra Wideband Radar for Micro Air Vehicle Applications”, IEEE Conference on Ultra Wideband Systems and Technologies, May 2002.
	AQ	Noon et al.	“Subsurface Remote Sensing” in “The Review of Radio Science”, 1999-2002, IEEE Press (2002).
	AR		“Subsurface Sensing Lab: Single Chip Sequential Sampling Receiver”, University of Houston, December 9, 2002.
	AS		“Subsurface Sensing Lab”, University of Houston, March 11, 2003.
	AT		“Low-Power, Miniature, Distributed Position Location and Communication Devices Using Ultra-Wideband, Nonsinusoidal Communication Technology”, AEther Wire Location, Inc., 2003.

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EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if *not* in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

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NOTE: 37 C.F.R. section 1.98(a)(2) requires that any information disclosure statement filed under section 1.97 shall include: "A legible copy of: (1) Each U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) Each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) All other information or that portion which caused it to be listed, except that no copy of a U.S. patent application need be included . . ."

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Cumulative patents or publications identified in Section 5.

U.S. patent citations are not included pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98 9(a)(2)(i) and 37 CFR 1.491(b), in which the USPTO waived the requirement for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 USC § 371 after June 30, 2003.

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The person making this certification is

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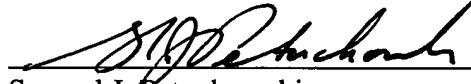
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
STATEMENT AS TO INFORMATION NOT FOUND
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Dear Sir:

The present application teaches technology relating to ground-penetrating radar such as for mine or ordnance detection.

A ground-penetrating radar system developed by the Applicant and hereinafter referred to as "Wichmann I" was in experimental use in 1999. A paper was presented and published in the Proceedings of the Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Forum '99, held in Atlanta, GA, May 25-27, 1999, by Tatum et al., entitled "ATR Algorithm Performance for the BRTRC Wichmann Ground Penetrating Radar System," and is disclosed herewith as Reference A1. An assessment of Applicant's experimental system was conducted by the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) and

published, in December 1999, as a public and unclassified report, edited by Andrews et al., and entitled "Research on Ground Penetrating Radar for Detection of Mines and Unexploded Ordnance: Current Status and Research Strategy," IDA Document D-2416 (the "IDA Report", pertinent parts of which are disclosed herewith as Reference AK). The IDA Report discusses the "BRTRC-Wichmann Ground Penetrating Radar System" (at page II-11 *ff*, IV-4, and elsewhere) and this is the system developed by the Applicant and referred to as Wichmann I.

In January, 2001, Niitek Corporation ("Assignee"), the assignee of the present application, concluded a contract (the "Army Contract") with the Department of the Army (U.S. Army CECOM) to "design, manufacture and test a dual-mode anti-tank (AT) and anti-personnel (AP) Wichmann Ground Penetrating Radar and signal processing package." As a result of work performed under the Army Contract, a subsequent ground-penetrating radar system using the same fundamental technology, "Wichmann II," was developed and was used experimentally, solely by the Assignee, and experimental data derived by Wichmann II was provided to the Army for evaluative purposes.

Reference AI and Reference AK are prior art to the present invention. However, to the best of Assignee's knowledge and belief, Wichmann I and Wichmann II should not constitute prior art, nor bar patentability of the present claims, because neither Wichmann I nor Wichmann II were in public use or on sale prior to the Critical Date of September 16, 2002, one year before the Application Date of the present Application. To the best of Assignee's knowledge, the sole activity that occurred in public prior to the Critical Date was the provision of data for subsequent analysis. Neither Wichmann I nor Wichmann II was used for field detection of active ordnance, and no person outside Niitek Corporation actually observed the operation of the subject technology. All testing was performed only by the Applicant and by Assignee personnel under a duty of confidentiality and non-disclosure.

The Assignee received payment from the Government only for the construction and testing of Wichmann II. Changes to the technology were documented during the testing period but no changes were made to the fundamental technology. Changes to design frequently occur during the engineering design phase, and the Government is under no obligation to procure an operational version of Wichmann II or any subsequent design. In the course of performance

under the Army Contract, the US Government received only data based upon an evaluation sample, while the Assignee was in sole possession and custody of the evaluation unit at all times.

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